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1. EMBOFF PASSED OF COPY OF UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF REFERENCE B TO KHALID MAHMOOD, DIRECTOR MFA, RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS AFFAIRS. MAHMOOD WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR LATEST US VIEWS PARTICULARLY SO SOON AFTER WELLS/PETREE VISIT AND PAK REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. EMBOFF USED TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REF C TO EMPHASIZE VIEWS ON DEEP SEABED MINING ISSUE AND SEABED REGIME.

2. MAHMOOD SIAD THAT WHILE PAKISTAN COULD APPRECIATE DEEP INTEREST US HAS IN THESE ISSUES, GOP FELT THAT DEEP SEABED MINING SHOULD BE UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME AS A REFLECTION OF UN RESOLUTION DECLARING DEEP SEABED RESOURCES "THE HERITAGE OF ALL MANKIND". PAKISTAN ACCEPTED THIS PRINCIPAL AND FELT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO INSURE "ALL MANKIND" BENEFITTED FROM DEEP SEABED RESOURCES WAS
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TO PLACE THEIR EXPLOITATION UNDER AN INTERNATIONALLY CONTROLLED REGIME,
WHICH HAS SOLE AUTHORITY TO GOVERN THEIR EXPLOITATION.

3. REGARDING REVIEW OF THE SEABED REGIME AFTER 20 YEARS, MAHMOOD SAID GOP VIEWED THE PARALLEL SYSTEM AS A TEMPORARY

MEASURE ONLY AND A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO MOLLIFY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. PAKISTAN WOULD NOT SUPPORT WORDKING THAT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF EXTENDING A PARALLEL SYSTEM BEYOND 20 YEARS. THE GOP FEELS THAT THE WORDING THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FAVOR FOR THE REVIEW AFTER 20 YEARS WOULD IN EFFECT ALLOW CONTINUATION OF THE PARALLEL REGIME FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE, COMPROMISING ITS SUPPOSED LIMITED EXISTENCE.

4. MAHMOOD NOTED THAT WHILE DIFFERENCES EXISTED BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE US ON LOS, AND BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE LDC'S, THERE WAS STILL CONSIDERABLE ROOM FOR COMPROMISE BY BOTH SIDES. MAHMOOD SAID THAT BEFORE THE NEXT LOS CONFERENCE THE GOP EXPECTED TO DISCUSS VARIOUS LOS ISSUES AT THE G-77 MEETING AND, IF ORGANIZED IN TIME, AT AN ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE. MAHMOOD FELT THAT PAKISTAN NOW HAD SOME FLEXIBILITY IN ITS POSITION AND COULD PLAY A MODERATING ROLE AT THESE CONFERENCES IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS SATISFACTORY TO BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE THIRD WORLD. MAHMOOD NOTED HOWEVER THAT ONCE A DEVELOPING WORLD CONSENSUS ON LOS ISSUES HAD BEEN REACHED, THE GOP'S OPTIONS WOULD BECOME MORE LIMITED.

5. MAHMOOD SAID HE APPRECIATED BEING INFORMED OF THE LATEST US VIEWS ON LOS AND HOPED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP PAKISTAN INFORMED. HE ASKED IF WE KNOW OF ANY PRIOR MEETINGS THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE PLANNED OR HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED DFFORE THE MARCH 1978 LOS CONFERENCE AND/OR IF THE EVENSON GROUP WOULD MEET BEFORE THEN. EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD CHECK AND GET BACK TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAS CONCERNING ANY PLANNED PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS ON LOS THAT WE COULD PASS ON TO THE GOP.

6. WE ARE NEOPHYTES IN THE ARCANE AND COMPLEX WORLD OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS, BUT BELIEVE THAT MAHMOOD'S OFFER FOR GOP TO PLAY A MODERATING ROLE ON LOS ISSUES SHOULD BE TESTED. PAKISTAN, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77 AND BECAUSE OF ITS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVISM, DOES HAVE CERTAIN INFLUENCE AND RESPECT IN THE THIRD WORLD. WE WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT WE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE GOP, CAREFULLY EXPLAIN OUR POSTIONS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PLAY THE MODERATING ROLE THEY HAVE OFFERED TO FILL.
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